

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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"Proclaim Liberty To The Captives, And The Opening of The Prison To Them That Are Bound"

FIGHT SATAN TO A FINISH

E. D. Melton

Text.—Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.—Matt. 4:10.

Now, as we read this verse of Scripture our minds are called to two ways. We find here before our Lord and Saviour went out to preach the Gospel, He left His home in glory to come and preach to a lost and dying world, that He was led away into the wilderness. There Satan began his work, and in order to be an overcomer our Saviour fasted forty days and nights.

Now, as we journey on in our Christian experience we have many trials and tests and sometimes it gets to the place it seems as though all of the light is hid, but let's remember times before when the devil began to put his army in array and what we had to do. We had to fight or lose, and so we must fight if we would win, so let's fight to a finish. Sometimes old Satan may blow his breath in our face with threats and swearing, but glory be to God, we find here that when our Saviour told Satan to get hence the devil left Him and behold angels came and ministered unto Him.

We often hear of some one starting in this way and turning back, but the reason is because they haven't the right kind of weapon to slay the devil. The devil is such a sly and cunning old man until it takes one kind of a weapon to slay him and sometimes another.

Right here I will state a few of the weapons it takes. It might be that we have let our tongue slip and said something to offend some one and then the devil will say, If they are a mind to get offended at that I would let them go and not care, but now let me give a weapon to slay that devil. Go to whoever is offended and ask forgiveness. Pray one for another and the victory is won. Sometimes we get sick and we want to trust the Lord for our healing and the devil will see our faith is weak and then he will start and see how sick he can make us, but if we will say, Lord I will trust you though you slay me, then the devil is whipped. Sometimes we can be at work and old Satan will present himself in many ways, but we can go to praising and glorifying God and Satan is gone. One Scripture tells us to resist the devil and he will flee. Sometimes we may begin to get indifferent about ourselves and get slack about attending meetings and then the devil begins to say, What's the use of this and the other. The weapon we need is to fast and pray and the devil just can't stay.

Let's fight to a finish, let's count it all joy and go shouting the victory in the face of our enemy and some day we will leave this old world and go to live in mansions; then our enemies will be conquered, the fight will be finished, the victory will soon be won and we will go home to glory to live with Jesus our Redeemer and loved ones gone before. Let's fight to a finish.

OUR VICTORY OVER THE WORLD

Russel Fowler

"For whosoever is born of God overcometh the World."

When a battle is fought we are all anxious to know who the victors are. If we are going to get victory over the world we

have got to get it through Christ.

I wouldn't talk to unconverted men about overcoming the world for it is utterly impossible. They might as well try to cut down the American forests with their penknives.

I want to say to Christian people that I think a good many of us make this mistake. We think the battle is already won, they have an idea that all they have to do is to put the oars down in the bottom of the boat and the current will drift them into the ocean of God's eternal love; but we have got to cross the current. We have got to learn how to watch, fight and overcome. We think the battle is over and it has just commenced. The Christian life is a conflict and a warfare and the quicker we find it out the better.

Don't let any man think he is going to overcome his enemies without putting forth his strength with God's power.

There is not a blessing in this world that God has not linked Himself. To all these great, higher blessings God associates Himself with.

When God and man works together, then it is that there is going to be victory. We are co-workers with Him. We want to keep in mind that if we are going to overcome the world, we have got to work with Him. We are of God, little children and have overcome because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4. Now let us keep that in mind that He was the only man that has overcome this world.

With that life, we can overcome the world for every man has been a failure, away from God.

When Abraham got his eyes off God he was weak like other men and denied his wife. It is a very singular thing just to notice how the men in the Bible, if they have fallen, have generally fallen on the strongest points of their characters. Abraham was noted for his faith; but he lost faith and denied his wife. Moses was noted for his meekness and humility; but he lost his temper and God kept him out of the promised land.

Elijah was noted for his power in prayer and for his courage and became a coward. Queen Jezebel scared him nearly out of his life.

Peter was noted for his boldness and a little maid scared him nearly out of his wits, so you can run right on through the Scripture and find where men very often fell on the strongest point of their character. I suppose that is because we are not on the watch. If we are going to overcome, we must watch and pray, then we overcome by faith.

I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me. Gal. 2:20. So we see that we overcome by faith; for we walk by faith and not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7.

Take Jacob. He tried to walk by sight, and then take his son, Joseph who walked by faith and see what a victorious life he had.

Lot walked by sight and it led him astray and Abraham looked beyond and saw the city whose builder and maker was God. So let us look beyond this veil of tears for if in this life only we have hope, in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

Now we will use for instance, the devil, he tempted Adam and Adam fell, also he tempted Jesus who did not fall and this is the difference in the two Adams. The first Adam was overcome by the tempter and

THE WRITING IN THE SAND

(An evening Bible story founded on John 8:6.)

Wilbert E. Hale.

Sin, disease, and discord are in the land to-day with destructive influence. There is unrest in the political world; Capital and labor, and religion affairs undergo a great change,—no individual seems exempt, the fangs of an unseen monster power tugs at the life of rich and poor alike, blighting hopes and crushing ambition. (Read on.)

You may not foreknow the end to these things. The most brilliant minds cannot comprehend the world-situation to-day. God inspired men have risen up to meet great issues and have borne the destiny of a great nation upon their shoulders. Jesus Christ knew the end as well as the beginning. He knew as clearly the events of the present as you know the happenings of the hour outlined by your morning newspaper. The 24th chapter of St. Matthew "pictures" this to us clearly, no doubt "evolution" was in His mind when He gave us 2 Thes. 2:3, 4, 5. But William Jennings Bryan was the man for the occasion and I believe his work at Dayton, Tenn., will be a monument to the American people and unborn generations.

Thousands of professed Christians have fallen away within the last five years, and doubtless others will yet fall, and multitudes deny the precious faith of our Father and teach perverse things. (See Acts 20:30) drawing disciples after them. In the church world this is true, men whose minds have been sealed by the lust for riches have sealed their hearts to the free working of that Holy Spirit and at last sealed their doom, yet not until proselyting had drawn its share of souls into the wake of sorrow. And with His fingers he wrote upon the ground, "thou art the man" no doubt but whether it was ever repented of, and a return made to the wooing of that sweet, gentle spirit will be known only in eternity's day.

There is an All-loving Saviour that can keep us from falling. Jude 24. Oh think of the people you meet each day at work, at home or in the street, cursing and profaning, blaspheming that holy name of my Lord. It is unnecessary; unnatural, many women, too have blighted their character, ruined their standing in the world and their chances for heaven by this awful sin! Women, what are you thinking of? What do you mean? Men have you lost your reason that you do such things? Let my Jesus look you in the eye and write your verdict! "And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground." John 8:6. For we are commanded to be not rash with the mouth, and that our heart be not hasty to utter anything before God. Ecc. 5:2. "To write thy verdict, tracings of a Master touch in the sand, revealing thy sin!" Writing thy verdict,—if it be a just verdict what shall it be for thee, (?) even eternity away from Him! away from peace,—away from harmony and holiness. Whatever a place of separation may hold its sting is a consciousness of darkness and pain, it is eternity as it were in its moments of suspense. Whatever eternity we fathom its gloom, we penetrate its mysteries in these words, "lost,

the second Adam overcame the tempter. This is the question for us to settle. Whether we will overcome or let the world overcome us.

away from Him is a place of gross darkness, of torment and suffering,—the only message we have recorded from our Lord's finger is the writing He did upon the ground, it was not on spotless linen with pen and ink, neither in parchment with tracings of gold, but it turned men from the scene where they sought to condemn a woman who was brought to Jesus for her sin. O! if He would step before you money exchangers to-day, and you proselytes, you robbed expounders of doctrine whose sins are yet upon your own shoulders, "and write in the sand." would ye not flee the bag and go the way of Judas to the shadows? Your mind is occupied by myriad sins of unbelief by gross wickedness, your lips stained by unholy words, and

Help this Master, Christ to your heart corrupt by unholy deeds, my Jesus knows your innermost thought; He judges unlike your judgment but He writes as no other can write the story of your soul with His finger in the sand. Let Him write it there for you to-day, turn if you will to see the message He has for you: and seeing it, brother won't you profit by the revelation He gives to your life-character if the thing had been hidden from you? We must come clean, every act must unfold before the Judge of all the earth. It is too late for making it straight when the curtain to eternity unfolds, so why not ask that He search you now?

There have been men who ruled over us for a time. The Scriptures enjoin us to submit to those who hold the rule and authority over us, and we give them reverence. But Jesus writes to them with His finger in the sand. "Thou art the man!" Ah, it is hard to see sometimes, the glass looks so dark, but in the sweet "halo" of His Spirit, the mystery clears, the "flesh" rose up; Jesus writes again, "finger prints upon the sand" the mystery clears. Yes, dear Lord, we love Thee, no more do we follow man, only as he followeth Thee.

The Writing in the Sand

No doubt if Jesus should step here now and voice His attitude He would condemn, here to the right, those to the left, those in the front aisle—just remain standing, please, what does He write, watch the finger movements, girls,—women with cropped hair! Let Him open the SACRED WORD to you, read (First Cor. 11:6) for in it we find instruction and judgment in all matters. Will those who have been shorn also be shaven? We have written Scripture selves in the things that we have done, wittingly and written more largely, perhaps than we had thought. It is the sin of the last days, this falling a victim to the practices of the people; to pattern after the heathen of the land was the sin of the men of old and to do the customary things of unregenerated persons who sit before us, teaching example.

God wants our best; He wants our ways and our minds to work for good; and not to be conformed to the ways of the world.

As I sit in the beautiful Sunset park in the great city of Evansville, Ind., engaged in writing this article I watched the rays of the sun as it sank to its Western rest, and the light reflected back on the beautiful Ohio. I thought at length on God's wonderful work and glorious plan in the salvation of men, what a grand blessing to live,—how noble to shine and brighten some corner for ourselves, for tired humanity and for God: how happy are we "just

simply sunbeams" shining because it is given us to SHINE. To smile, because there is a smile deep down within us, and we are better satisfied to pass it on.

Then, The writing in the Sand. When the King of Glory shall have written for us, (for you and for me) that finger print within the sand will not it be wonderful to have it a blessed "well done," a glad "welcome ye" rather than a fearful "depart, I know ye not." Oh beloved you have had preaching, it isn't that, we need less preaching more reformation, and a reform of our reformers. Give yourself wholly to Him, and as the clouds of darkness and distrust hover over, close your soul against them; deny yourself expression, seal those lips,—and be true to Jesus.

And He Writes in the Sand

Help this Master, Christ to form those letters to mold those words for your destiny. Grant that they may be for peace, and a home and a presence with Him and for Him. Turn thyself away from the deceiving, alluring world, the vain and the sham. Oh daughter, son, why do you linger, it isn't bobbed hair altogether, "What will you do with Jesus" before He does with you, that writing, finger prints in the sand? Why halt ye between two opinions? Why longer go further upon the road that leads toward one awful chasm, grave, eternity, of remorse? Come, come, to-day.

"It ain't going to rain no mo', no mo'" and He writes with a finger in condemnation, behold your sin! Why trifle with my Christ. Away with your folly and pride and form. There shall be earthquakes in divers places, there shall be famine and pestilence, wickedness shall increase more and more, already the sins of men are great, soon your doom you shall have to deal; the sand holds the mystery, the finger halts, awaits, "yet a little while, and He that will come, shall not tarry." Just above the little grains of sand, the words are forming, molding, the hand is shaping, the words start,—between Grace and Eternity, a moment as it were; days of grace, for "whosoever" to the highways, the byways, the hedges, the call rings, rich, mellow, soul-inspiring, "Whosoever," who-so, w-h-o, "Whosoever will, LET HIM TAKE OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREE-LY." Rev. 22:17.

Learned or Learning

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning. Rom. 15:4.

T. M. McClendon.

Of knowledge and wisdom there seems to be no end. No one person can acquire a perfect knowledge of everything. It may be possible to be a postgraduate of all the institutions of learning in the world, yet there are many things to learn naturally, practically, scientifically etc., yet man may store away in his vocabulary, all the worldly knowledge available from books written by man, yet there remains the gist of knowledge in the Bible inspired by God Himself. Written by men moved by His divine Spirit. In this great library there are sixty-six volumes, some large and some small, yet to my mind no one has been a graduate in the least of these.

There have been multitudes thousands of honest seekers after God who have dug deep in the mysteries of God for the last great nugget of truth only to find greater things therein. Beloved, let us learn more about (Continued on page 2.)

God Is Pouring Out His Spirit On Bahama Islands

GREEN TURTLE CAY, Bahamas—God is pouring out His Spirit on all flesh. I want to praise the Lord through the Evangel that the people of God might be built up in the work of the Lord, Amen. On the 11th of May we had a wonderful meeting here and the Lord wonderfully blessed. I cannot express how great the power fell from heaven. The saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I feel that this is that spoken by the prophet Joel. God said He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh and I believe He is doing this on these islands.

We have many persecutors but this makes us stronger in this work for Jesus said they would persecute us for His name's sake. Later on the Lord spoke to some of His children and aroused them by saying, "Come let us reason together" and that more souls needed salvation. An invitation was sent to the different churches so that the Lord might work on His people. Brother O. Roberts, pastor of the Methodist church was led by the Spirit to make the move and the Lord was pleased with him. The Christians of the churches were of one mind and I am glad to tell you that moved on this island as I never saw it before. Christians praised God for the salvation of souls, and I know that God has touched the people of this land, but there are others opposing us but I trust they will give heed to the call of God.

On Thursday night we had a wonderful time with the Lord, we could feel the presence of the Lord in our midst; saints shouted and praised God for victory. An altar call was given for the unsaved and for the saints who wanted more of the blessings of the Lord.

On Sunday night we had another wonderful meeting, everybody was happy in the Lord and praising God for full salvation and the blessing which He bestows on us when we do His will. After the service was over and I got home I could hear the cry of sinners crying out to God for mercy at the Methodist church so I went there and found the Spirit of God moving on the people and they were crying out to God for those poor souls unsaved. Other Christians came and we all went down before God in earnest and before we left the church fourteen were converted, Hallelujah. The services are still going on and the Lord is giving the victory. Christians are finding out more and more the power of God and they are obeying the Word and this is what it takes to get us through to victory.

Brothers Roberts and Poasters are giving out the message in full and with power. Oh how my heart is filled with joy when I see how the Lord is working on the island. The churches were cold because they had not been living according to the Word.

SOME VISITS DURING JULY

Still Unshaken

F. J. Lee.

I will give herewith a few items concerning our work during the month of July. We boarded the train the 7th for Middletown, Ohio at which place we had promised to be with Brother E. Haynes in a State Convention. We found him and his companion there and the convention had already begun. (Continued on page 3.)

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GOING HIGHER

The Wind Pushes Us Up.

Brother Llewellyn is away in Logan, West Virginia, where he has gone to visit the State Convention. We attended this convention last year, they certainly had a fine convention at that time. They doubtless will have equally as great convention this time. The saints of W. Virginia are great in the Lord, they attend these conventions and show great interest in the Lord's work.

Brother Scoggins the State Overseer, is doing a great work. The people all seem to appreciate him, they are standing by him thus showing that they love him.

We understand that the court decision has not shaken the people of West Virginia. I am not surprised, since the people in general are settled on this question, not to be disturbed. We know that there are thousands that would not change their opinion if even the supreme court should confirm the opinion of the court of appeals.

We have received many letters from state overseers and members and every one indicates that every church is standing firm, saying "I will not be moved." Some one tried to sound a loud "blowing horn" that the people are leaving us by the hundreds, I want to state to you that this isn't true in the least. Ask Florida, ask Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, well most any state and you will be convinced that they are convinced of the right and will cling to their convictions in this affair until the Lord says "It is enough come up higher." Some objectors may insist that we are not going higher, but we insist that if doing right will take us higher we are going.

We of course encounter many storms, the winds blow, the thunders peal, the lightnings flash, but the true saints are not disturbed, these only have a tendency to shove us higher.

Brothers Latimer and Boehmer are attending the State Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Brother Payne has just returned, he reports a grand time, they were having Bible Study during the day, and evangelistic services at night just before the regular convention convened. We feel sure that the convention will be a grand success.

Many Virginians Who Have not Bowed Knees to Baal

J. C. Jernigan, Overseer of Va.

About three months ago when I was appointed overseer of Va. I wrote some of the clerks of the churches for information. Several replied very much discouraged, especially Fox Creek and Marion. The Fox Creek church had been torn asunder over a fight in the church between certain members. The clerk at Marion said, "Come and see for yourself." These with other letters brought a degree of dread and discouragement upon me, but in my usual way I began to search for a bright side.

I first went to Bedford and found a band of true blue Church of God saints, which I

immediately began to love. From there I went to Pulaski and was entertained in the home of Brother W. B. Davis, the former overseer, who had resigned on account of ill health. I did not have to learn to love Brother Davis for our spirits blended together from the very beginning. He has a nice church at Pulaski and a nice brick building.

From Pulaski I went to Marion where I found the most discouraged band of saints I ever met. Their pastor had resigned and saints scattered abroad. No services, Sunday school gone down, the rent on the church behind. I preached a week to a very fair congregation and decided to pastor the church myself in connection with my State work.

We organized Sunday school and began our regular services. The work moved on slowly for a few weeks, finally the windows of heaven were opened and the power began to fall. Several of the saints who had become discouraged came forward and were renewed and our Sunday school began to grow and we now have about seventy five in attendance.

We have closed a three weeks revival in which the Lord wonderfully manifested Himself. Brother H. O. Harris, of Ivanhoe district was with us and did the preaching the last two weeks, which was very much enjoyed by all who attended. The meeting was a success in many ways. Our house was not large enough to accommodate the people. A number who had grown cold in their experience prayed through to victory. About five were saved, six sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost; among this number were three middle-aged men. We thank the Lord for these good men. The church at Marion is now moving forward; unity and love prevails. In fact, I don't know of a church anywhere more encouraged than Marion.

I made two trips to Fox Creek, held a church conference, turned out seven and appointed Brother Fielden Hash pastor and the old time power came down and I understand the church is now moving forward with victory. Brother Harris has seven churches on his district and they seem to be getting along fairly well and making their reports each month. I have also visited all the churches on the Lynchburg district over which F. W. Anderson is overseer and find them all moving along nicely and reporting, except Bedford Church. I feel sure from now on Bedford will report. I was there Sunday and Brother J. J. York had just closed a revival which brought the saints together. I think all came back except one sister and we give her a hearty welcome to return or any one else who has been misled.

We organized a Sunday school at Bedford which we hope to be a blessing to the town. We have been successful in getting several other schools organized and there are others yet to follow. I have just received a letter from Brother Jenkins, the pastor, at Schoolfield stating that he had closed a victorious revival so with all the good reports coming in it gives me much consolation. Yesterday I returned from Lynchburg and while there took in a young preacher Brother F. A. Bowles who will no doubt prove a great blessing to the Church of God. He is a chemist of New York. A man of education and ability. He made a sacrifice to go with us, giving up a position of many thousand dollars per year. When I gave him the doctrine and teaching of the Church of God he laid aside a valuable diamond ring.

While in his office six months ago the Lord gave him the blessing. He is planning a trip to Headquarters soon to become better acquainted with our Church. I have visited all the churches in Virginia except four or five and intend to visit them soon as possible.

Any one in the State needing my assistance feel free to call on me as it is my mission in Va. to work for God and His church. It might be well for you to begin to prepare for the Assembly which will convene in Cleveland, Tenn., Oct. 18-24 as we expect a larger delegation from Virginia this year than ever before and we want you to be one of them.

NOTICES

MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION

Convenes Sept. 3d-5th.

F. J. Lee, in charge.

The annual convention for the Churches of God in the state of Michigan will be held at the Sebwa church, Lake Odessa, Michigan beginning on the evening of September 3d (Friday) and continuing over Sunday. Our General Overseer, F. J. Lee has promised to be with us for this convention and I am sure you will not regret it if you will sacrifice something to come and enjoy the feast with us. We also expect to have Brother Lee with us for a few days in Detroit immediately after this convention.

Because of having to pastor the church at Detroit we have done very little towards the state work this year; but the Lord is blessing the work here in a wonderful measure.

Let's go to the State Convention and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Free entertainment will be provided as far as possible for those going for the good of the meeting. For further information write, C. C. Cook, Pastor, R. F. D., Lake Odessa, Mich. Or M. P. Cross, Overseer of Michigan, 6251 Avery Ave., Detroit, Mich.

BOAZ STATE CAMP MEETING

I want to give you a special invitation to come to Boaz Aug. 15th which is the time set for our State Camp Meeting to begin. Not only do we invite you to come, but let us insist, thru the columns of the Evangel that you break loose from your home affairs and your different fields of labor for a few days at least and let us throw our prayers and efforts together for a real feast with the Lord and a real old time camp meeting.

I feel sure if you come, though it may seem like a sacrifice to

LETTER TO J. S. LLEWELLYN
Electra, Texas

July 20, 1926.

Dear Brother Llewellyn Greetings:

Well I decided to drop you a few lines between moves. I am busy going now days, will soon be around though. Some of our people were somewhat effected over the Court decision but as we go from place to place they seem to become reconciled, and I want to say that I haven't found a member in the state that has any idea of giving up.

I am sure that some good will come out of this if we can't see where or how.

Every minister in the state is fixed and I don't think that the Court's decision will effect their zeal for God and His Church. Seems that the Lord has drawn sacredly near to us for the last few weeks. Four received the Holy Ghost at Electra Sunday night. Eight came in the church Sunday morning and I baptized nineteen Sunday afternoon.

Great crowds; great power and glory; deep conviction. I had to leave for other places Tuesday, but the meeting is going on. As I drove across the State my mind was drawn toward Cleveland. My heart began to cry within me as I thought of you and your burdens. I thought of dear Brother Lee, and how I did want to see you both and tell you how I was with you in every way possible and any thing that I can do in my part of the vineyard I am ready. But as I couldn't see you I began praying for you and for all that need help in this hour.

When I came to myself the

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God by a more earnest search of His Word. It is said by many that the books of great writers unfold to the world the ideals of the writer. How much more the Bible tells us about God, His creation and His wonderful plan to a fallen race. God forbid we should ever become careless and neglect Bible study. Jesus exhorted the people of His day to search the Scriptures to find proof of His Divinity, they testify, there are many lessons to learn, my prayer is that I may be teachable. Some folks seem

you, the first time you hear Brother Marks preach you will exclaim: "O, I is so glad I see here tonight."

Come on, we want to see you. We want to shake your hand; we want to mingle our prayers, our shouts and testimonies together and pray and cry over a lost world.

It seems that things are more favorable here now than ever before.—W. S. Wilemon.

To all whom it may concern:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name!

I am sorry that I wrote that letter in January 1925 in which reflections and accusations were against Brother Llewellyn. We should have committed our affair into the hands of God and trusted Him to work things out. From investigations since coming to America I have found that the blame for our conditions at that time in China did not wholly rest upon Brother Llewellyn.

Very sincerely,

Jennie B. Rushin.

Inasmuch as my name was signed to the letter above referred to, I desire to sign this one also: P. R. Rushin.

WANTED

WANTED—If anyone who reads this has a good tent for sale or know of some one who does have, please write to me at once. You need not write if the tent is not in first class condition, neither if it is an extra large one. Will pay cash for a good tent.—Luther A. Richard, Clanton, Alabama. % Z. D. Simpson, Route 6.

NASHVILLE, N. C.—Brother Rouse is expected to begin a meeting at this place August 1st. He notified us of this and asked that I place a notice in the paper to that effect.—Sallie J. Boss.

tears were dropping from my eyes. I don't know how far I drove in the spirit of prayer, but when I began to study about where I was I didn't know just what town was next or just how far I was on my journey. But I discovered that I had passed over some of the roughest road in Texas and had not felt a jolt. So I believe that if every one will pray as they should we will pass through this trial and never feel the jolt.

We are praying in Texas and are sure that the Lord will hear prayer. Oh say, our large tabernacle is going up in a hurry and I am sure that it will be ready for one of the greatest Camp meetings in the history of the Church of God. There is good interest being manifested in the State in behalf of the Camp ground.

I want to say that I don't feel a bit uneasy or worried over the final outcome of the Church.

I have never had a calmer or more restful feeling since the beginning of the trouble.

God has His eye on the whole affair and when I go to Him I feel like doing more for the Church than ever.

May He bless you and yours. We are praying for you, so if you feel a good heavenly atmosphere around you, you may know that the Lord is answering prayer.

I am expecting a general rally all along the line. I guess that you may think this is a peculiar time for a fellow to feel optimistic, but I can't help it I am feeling that way any way.

Please pray for me and mine. Thy Brother, R. P. Johnson.

I have observed has been a blessing. We can stand to one side and look on the passerby and see him better than our own self. Ever since I entered the ministry I have studied the success and failure of the ministry. I have learned some things. The preacher who becomes so learned that he won't be taught, generally is the one that fails. I have heard the expression that the Holy Ghost will lead. He wants me to do this or that, and some times this and that both are contrary to the Bible. The Holy Ghost never leads people wrong. I heard a man, in the mountains of Alabama, jump up in church to talk and said God says to open your mouth and He would fill it. (He did, with air.)

We need the law of God written on the tables of our hearts, to meet the world with the messages of God. I had rather sit at the feet of great men and learn than anything. I have met with some folks who are continually talking of the success and what they have done. Paul says we preach not ourselves, but Christ. It would be impossible to preach the Gospel of Christ without some knowledge of Christ revealed in the Word of God. The Bible is the greatest book in the world. It contains the mind of God. The purpose of God and His Divine will. His never failing love. It gives the history of the greatest characters that ever trod this world. It contains a new lesson for each day. You may read an ordinary book until it becomes old and stale; but not so with the Bible. We never become a graduate in the Scriptures. Study it for wisdom on most any subject. It contains the light of salvation for all mankind. It is without contradiction. All the existing creation tells its truthfulness. Preach the Word. Preach it.

When you run short on a supply of sermonettes go to the Bible, take on a good fresh supply of Bible truth, fill your very being with the message. Never think you have learned it all. Take a new supply of strength from the power of truth and go bless the world with God's Word.

God is Pouring Out His Spirit on Bahama Islands

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On the eighteenth we had another good service. The saints were filled with the power of the Lord and had many visitors with us. Brother Boxker spoke a little and I can say that his message came from

above and was given out with power and demonstration of the Spirit. An altar call was given and sixteen came to the altar. One was baptized with the Holy Ghost; filled with joy from heaven. I never saw a brighter face. Oh, how God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. I cannot express my feeling for the way God is pouring out His Spirit on the people. Sister Mira's baby was taken sick and we thought it was dead but after prayer for it the baby soon revived and we give Him all the praise.

On the 19th we had another good time, with the Lord in our midst. He manifested His Spirit on the people. Oh, how we are blessed when we obey the will of God and do what He tells us to do. I can't see why every Christian can't see that they are called to do something for God instead of holding back and trying to pull others down and I know that God holds them responsible for standing in the way of sinners.

On the 20th we met together again to the glory of God, and had another great time. God blessed us. Brother Boxker gave who wanted more of the fullness of God, and the altar was full. Five were sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in an altar call to the Christians other tongues. All the saints shouted and praised God for His wonderful saving power. It makes us rejoice to meet together to glorify His precious name. Praise God.

I am glad people here see that we need the same power that Peter and Paul had and it takes this to land us safe in glory. We had some good testimonies and fine messages from the Word. Brother Robert gave us inspiring messages on the Saints Washing Feet and on Women quenching the Spirit of God in the churches and I think it should be a warning to any woman to not hold back, because if God did not want her to speak He would not pour out His Spirit upon her and command her to speak.

Bro. Boxker, our pastor, is a wonderful man of God, loving, kind and gentle always in the work of the Lord and I know his labor is not in vain. Most of the Christians of other churches gave good testimonies and gave God the glory for His goodness to them for saving them in due time. The majority of the people are interested and I trust before the meeting closes that God will manifest Himself to those who are standing back. We are all of one accord and doing our best to lead souls to Christ and we want every saint to pray that God will give us the victory Amen. Roland Roberts.

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REPORTS

SAINTS GREATLY ENCOURAGED

MEDFORD, Ga.—With gratitude to God for His love and kindness to us we want to report a portion of His blessings during the revival which was held at Medford.

The revival was conducted by our pastor, Brother D. W. Mills, and we wish to say that he is a true blue Church of God man. There were about fifteen saved, a number sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost, six followed the Lord in water baptism and nine were added to the Church.

The saints were wonderfully revived and we surely did feast on the rich dainties from Father's table. The power fell in great waves and there was much shouting and praising God. We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet the last night of the revival and the meeting closed with twenty-eight in the altar.

Brother Mills is doing a great work here and we praise God for sending him here to act as shepherd over the little flock.

We desire your prayers that the spirit of love and unity will prevail at this place at all times.—Dovie Mercer, Lenox, Ga.

GOD WONDERFULLY BLESSED

MARMADUKE, Ark.—Again I feel like praising the dear Lord through the Evangel for what He is doing on the battlefield for us in Arkansas.

We have just closed a three weeks revival at Lepanto Junction near Carraway, Arkansas. This was the second meeting we have held down there this spring and all together, fifteen have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, three were sanctified, eight gloriously saved, seven baptized in water and four came into the Church with more to follow the Lord in water baptism and some to come in the Church later.

God wonderfully blessed and Satan was stirred, but God is a match for him. Hallelujah. Sinners were saved, believers sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The sick were healed and the saints encouraged to press forward. We left them shouting the victory and standing four square for the Church of God.

Pray for us to go on and please the Lord.—Paul Beasley.

GOOD REVIVAL IN KY.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—We have just closed a revival meeting lasting a little over two weeks conducted by one of the Church of God Evangelists, Mrs. D. A. Shumaker. We all enjoyed having her with us very much.

Five professed conversion, two were healed and eight received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some of them saw visions of Christ and the angels and some of their loved ones that had gone to be with Jesus. The meeting closed with a deep spiritual feeling and we all would make Mrs. Shumaker abundantly welcome if she may return to us later if God wills.

I received my baptism of the Holy Ghost a year ago the 28th of this month, according to Acts 2:4. To God be all the glory.—George Willis.

NOTHING SO GREAT

MT. VERNON, Ill.—A revival has just closed at this place with good interest. Our State Overseer, Brother Letsinger was with us toward the first of the meeting and delivered some wonderful sermons, then we battled along for a week when Brother George Farmer of Eldorado joined us and preached old time repentance until Saturday night when Brother Gray and a bunch of saints from Eldorado came over also on Sunday night, some of the saints from Logan were present. The power fell from the beginning of the services. There was just waves of glory in the morning and at night. Brother Gray preached under the inspiration of the Spirit. At night, the house would nothing like seat the people that came. Many went away after the house was filled. Many expressed themselves that they

never saw anything as great as the services. Three were saved, three sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost and the saints were built up and encouraged. Mt. Vernon church has some folks that are pure gold who will stand under any circumstances. They are now under a great burden with indebtedness on the Church and parsonage but they are smiling under it and meeting their payments. We are expecting the Lord to help them in this.—John O. Yates, Pastor.

VICTORY AT BEDFORD, VA.

WELCH, W. Va.—I feel like praising God this morning for what He is to me, because I can feel the sweet Holy Ghost which still abides, and know that the Lord still keeps me by His Spirit and He loves me each day.

I want to report victory for the Lord at Bedford, Virginia. Brother F. W. Anderson and myself went there on June 14th and started a meeting. For some time, the church had been in decline, but the good Lord blessed our efforts there and we succeeded in getting them back together, organizing a Sunday School and establishing regular prayer meetings and thus giving the pastor, Brother F. W. Anderson regular preaching appointments.

Pray for me that I may be just what the Lord would have me be in His service, also that He will heal my body. I am afflicted with malaria, also have stomach trouble.—J. J. York.

LAKE MONROE RISING AND SHINING

LAKE MONROE, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for the way the Lord is blessing us here at Lake Monroe. Have just closed a ten day's meeting. About twenty got saved, several sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost. Twenty-four were added to the dear old Church of God. This church was set in order about the last of March with seventeen members. We now have on roll, forty-one and have a nice building, but it is not sufficient to hold the large crowds that attend our services. It was said that seventy-five cars had to leave on Sunday night, on account of no parking room.

The Lord certainly is blessing here. I covet the prayers of all the dear saints that we may rise and shine and that our number will increase.—Rev. J. F. Curry.

WORK MOVING ON IN MISS.

McGEE, Miss.—I want to sound a note of praise through the dear paper to my dear Saviour for what He is doing at this place. We came here one week ago, beginning the 4th of July and started the battle for the dear Lord for lost souls. Up to date there has been sixteen baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost and several others sanctified and several more saved. We don't know just what the results of this meeting will be; but we feel there will be a real landslide here, of souls for God. This is a new field and the real old time power of God is falling. We want special prayer for this place. There is a nice stone church building for us for a little more. We already have most of its members and think we could have gotten the preacher too had it not been for him leaving too soon.

Pray much for me that God will use me and keep me in the center of His will.—E. L. Wright.

A BLESSED MEETING AT GULFPORT

Our assistant pastor, Brother C. C. Stewart, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, had planned a series of meetings, beginning the 15th of May. When we had assembled at the first service, we were happily surprised to find our beloved pastor, Brother B. P. Collins and family, who had been definitely led by the Lord back to Gulfport to start a meeting at the same time. They told us of how, when they were many hundreds of miles from home in the eastern states, on an evangelistic tour, while they sought the Lord for Divine guidance in a grove by the highway, the

Spirit said to them, "Go back to Gulfport." God blessed and prospered them on their return trip and how we all rejoiced together because we saw the Lord had really planned it all, even to the simultaneous fast to which the Lord called us all, though we were many miles apart. The Lord most graciously blessed in the meeting. There were three saved, four added to the Church, one of whom was a minister in the Church of God, under the old leadership; but rejoiced with us that he had gotten back home as he termed it. Needless to say we are more than glad, as we find him to be so helpful with interpretation, discernment and wonderful messages under the anointing of the Spirit.

Two received the Holy Ghost during the meeting, and one, just before the meeting. There were also some remarkable healings. One sister who had suffered with hardened arteries and had been given up by the doctors was instantly healed, besides many others.

The Word was given out with power. We had good interest and good attendance. We ask the prayers of God's children everywhere for this place.—Corra Neill.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

Convened in Greenville, and closed with Great Interest. Those who were at the South Carolina State Convention are no doubt wondering why a report of the convention has never been given.

I take the blame all on myself. The notes were turned over to me and I lost them but to say the least of it is to say it was a grand success. The Lord was with us from the very beginning. Brother Lee, General Overseer was on hand for the first service. He preached every night. His messages were soul-stirring and brought great conviction on the people. Many coming to the altar prayed through to victory.

Brother Lee gave one lecture from his chart which was enjoyed by all; also gave an hour for general instructions to the church which was very helpful, both to members and outsiders.

The reports from the field were good and showed that the Church of God is growing in South Carolina. We had about one hundred and thirty-five visitors from other churches and some from North Carolina were with us; Roy E. Blackwood, Overseer of North Carolina was with us, also Brother Snyder from Gastonia. Their messages were enjoyed by all, in fact all the talks were good and inspiring. This was the second state convention for South Carolina and eternity alone will reveal the good that was done. The convention closed on Sunday night, May 16th; but was followed by a weeks revival. Roy E. Blackwood preached Monday and Tuesday nights, J. B. Ellis preached the rest of the week with good results. Almost every preacher in the state attended the convention. This shows their interest for the Church of God in South Carolina.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon each and every one and bring us back (if Jesus tarries) together at the next state convention with victory in our souls.—One that was present.

District Convention at Cedar Grove

CEDAR GROVE, W. Va.—I wish to praise the Lord for salvation. I praise Him because I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the dear old Church of God; the one that Jesus said the gates of hell shall not prevail against. The one great desire of my heart is to be what God would have me to be.

The District Convention convened at Cedar Grove July 2, 3, 4. Friday night we had with us Brother Laud L. Vaught and Brother G. W. Wriston who preached a real good sermon on Faith which was enjoyed by all. Saturday morning was a business meeting with Brother Vaught and Wriston in charge. Saturday night Brother H. N. Scoggins, our State Overseer, was present and preached a good sermon on "The Faithful

Servant". Business meeting continued.

Sunday morning call of the Churches and Sunday schools with good responses. Brother Cline delivered a wonderful message on "Sunday school" also Brother Cline's four sons were present and rendered good singing which was enjoyed by all.

Sunday afternoon a testimony service which was real inspiring. Oh, how God did bless at this time. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues and Oh, the praises that went up to God. Every one was encouraged to press on.

Sunday night more testimonies and shouting. A fine sermon by Brother Scoggins on "Restitution". Had to dismiss early on account of the coming storm. Saints parted with good-byes and handshakes.

I believe we can say in spite of the intense heat we all enjoyed ourselves. While many were eating ice cream, watermelons and big dinners we were feasting with the Lord. Oh, what soul food was prepared for those who were ready and willing to believe it, and to think that we will some day get to sit at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I praise the Lord for a man like Brother Vaught, our pastor, he is always at his post of duty.—Zora Mae Jones, Clerk.

NEED A CHURCH HOUSE

BORO BRIDGE, Jamaica—I want to sound a note of praise through this wonderful paper. Praise the Lamb of God who died to take away our sins, for His saving and keeping power. Glory to God. I am still saved, and filled with the Holy Ghost and the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Praise His name for the privilege of pastoring one of His little flocks. Not that I feel so strong, but because I believe it pleases God.

Since Brother Simmons came to Jamaica things are better. All is in order, only we need a church house to worship in. We have secured land at Morgan and we are expecting the Lord to soon open the way for us to build a house. There are a good many people here, but they are poor. Pray for us that the means may be provided.—H. A. Hudson, Pastor, Morgan Dist.

OPENING FOR A CHURCH

FINDLAY, O.—We are thankful to report real victory in the campaign held here from June 3, to June 17, under the leadership of Brother P. F. Barnewall and the workers with him, together known as the "Barnewall-Carscadden" Party for the French Sudan, Northern Africa.

This band of workers surely have the seal of God's real approval upon their work and the dear Lord in a very gracious manner gave definite witness during the campaign as to their call to the field above mentioned and we are confident that the Church of God has a very great or golden opportunity before them of sending the precious Gospel message into the untouched tribes of Africa.

The Lord saved four souls and baptized two in the Holy Spirit, all glory to Him. A real stirring of saints was also an evidence of His Divine approval upon the meeting.

Findlay offers a most excellent opening for the Church and to use the words of the Evangelist in charge, "an opening for a man of God with the real pressing through spirit of sacrifice to place the work upon a firm foundation in spite of all odds the enemy may bring against the work."

We pray that this party of missionaries may be taken on the hearts of the Church of God members in general that they might have a speedy departure for the field which God has sealed as their future work.

Brother Barnewall preached under great unction of the Spirit with messages that thrilled the saints with determination to press on in the fight.

This party left on the 18th for Akron Convention and to put on a series of meetings following the Convention.—Mrs. Bertha Weaver.

DIVINE HEALING

HEALED OF TUBERCULOSIS

LARKINSVILLE, Ala.—I promised the Lord if He would heal my daughter, Mrs. Charles Wilkins, that I would write to the Evangel. They had written to me that she was in serious condition but I did not think of her having T. B. of the lungs.

I felt that something should be done, so I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to be anointed for her healing and they wrote me that when the handkerchief returned, they applied it and the presence of the Lord was felt very much and she was healed. I have heard from them twice since then and they say she is completely healed. Oh, glory to God! His power is great and His mercy endureth forever. Oh how glad I am that I ever got in this way. Pray for me that I may be a real Bible Christian.—Mrs. G. D. Jones.

SOME VISITS DURING JULY

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We were met at the train by Brother Wilson and wife at whose home we abode. Brother Wilson is the pastor of the Middletown church and is greatly loved by the membership.

Brother Haynes seemed to be his best in conducting the convention. There was a very large attendance. I believe that every church was represented. It was especially noticeable that the ministry was well represented. Every speaker seemed to be especially anointed, and their discourses were logical and inspiring. Every one seemed to be very calm about the court decision and expressed themselves as having faith in God that His great cause that has been so prosperous in the last few years would not be defeated.

On leaving Ohio we made our way to Covington, Louisiana to be with Brother Coats, the State Overseer in a convention. This convention was also a great success. We certainly enjoyed this visit with the dear brethren of Louisiana as also we did at Ohio. The saints expressed themselves as being unshaken and would not be moved by edicts, decrees or decisions contrary to their established views and good conscience. They too, with the rest of us realize that the God of all the earth will do the thing that is right. We are fully counting on every other state to join heart and faith with these brethren for greater things than ever before and sing the song "I shall not be moved."

LORD BLESSING IN MARION, VA.

MARION, Va.—I am praising God for victory at Marion. Bro. Harris from Ivanhoe, Va. came here nearly two weeks ago and opened fire on the enemy. Several are getting blessed, some saved, some sanctified and some

MY HEALER AND GUIDE

JACKSON, Tenn.—I am serving God 365 days in the year and I can say He still keeps me each day. He is my all in all. He is my healer and guide. I hope to be at the Assembly again this fall if it is God's will.

Here are some of my thoughts in regard to our God. What man is there of us below, Can take a lump of clay and make it go. For my God is a wonderful God to me, He took the clay and blew breath into it you see.

Who believes we sprang from apes? For God never makes any mistakes. And when He made the man He was so pleased He made woman.

May God bless each of you. Your sister in Jesus name. Mrs. S. Scales, R. 3.

filled with the Holy Ghost. God is wonderfully blessing in giving out the Word. Wonderful sermons have been preached. We thought heaven and earth had met and the end is not yet. Our State Overseer Bro. Jernigan is with us. He is a good man and a wonderful worker for the Lord. I really believe God sent him for our overseer. The saints at Marion are on fire for God. Pray for us here that the Lord will continue to bless and that we may go on to know more about Jesus and be ready when He comes or calls. Pray for me that I may be healed of asthma.—Mrs. Bell Harrison.

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shed; but all tears will be wiped away.

WANTS TO BE READY

EPPS, La.—In heart felt love and remembrance of my Father of heaven and earth, because He is nearer and dearer to me than any on earth. I want to thank and praise His wonderful name for the way He is blessing me. I thank Him for His healing power. He healed two of my children when they were having chills and fever. Bless His sweet name.

About a week ago I was struck with rheumatism in my arms and I couldn't use them. It seemed as if the Lord had turned His face from me, but I promised Him I would trust Him, so one night husband and I were having family prayer and the Lord wonderfully healed me. I give Him all the Glory.

I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I am a member of the Church of God. I ask the prayers of all who read this that I may be ready to go when the Lord comes.—Bertha Sandifer.

Takes the Whole Word

MARRIETTA, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Lord. As I read so many good testimonies it just makes me want to say a word or two for my dear Lord. I am saved, sanctified and have the blessed abiding Holy Ghost, and speak with tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. I thank God for a Bible salvation. He said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." There are some preachers who stop and won't take the rest of the chapter. We read on and He says, "He that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:16-18. I am glad that we can take the whole Word of God. My wife was real sick and I fasted and prayed for her and the Lord healed her. Thank the Lord.

You know there are some of us that don't fast and pray enough and our feelings are easily hurt too when we don't fast and pray more. Rom. 6:11. When trouble comes up we should be dead to sin.

I once was a Methodist but like many others I never had anything to keep me from sinning. I was like a hog that had been dressed and not salted. I just went back like many others who have not the Holy Ghost. Rom. 8:9 says, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." I trust God for all things. When my fever goes to 103 I pray to Him and sometimes in less time than 10 minutes it is gone. I weigh 40 pounds more than I did when I wasn't trusting God. I have been trusting the Lord for about four years and I am well known from Columbus, Ohio to Plant City, Fla. Just a real sin fighter.

Pray for me saints for I am on Jesus' way to glory and not on my way because my way would be contrary to His way.

A. W. LAY.

GAINESVILLE Fla.—I am still praising God to-day for what He has done for me, and for what He is to me. Bless His dear name. I never can thank God enough for the band boys going to Perry, Fla. about two months ago. I went to hear them preach and knew that was the way for me to go. Jesus said we must be born again and I knew that I had not been born again. When people asked me if I was a Christian I could only say I hope I am, but praise God before the meeting closed I could say I know so. I went around with a dip of snuff in my mouth all the time even carried it to church. I thank God when you are really born again you will clean up your life. I do not use snuff now.

May the Lord bless the band boys that they may bring more lost and dying souls to Him. I want all the saints to pray for me. There is no Church of God here and I am praying to go where there is one.

There is too much pride and fashion in the worldly churches

today for God to feel welcome and the Bible is opposed to these things. It is sweet to trust in Jesus and when you get to the dear old Church of God you will feel at home. Friends you that are not ready to meet Jesus read the third chapter of 2 Peter and the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. Get right with God for life is uncertain and death is sure. When death comes it is too late to make peace with God. I take the Evangel and enjoy reading it.—Mrs. Della Pert.

READY TO GO FOR THE MASTER

KIMBERLY, Ala.—I feel like writing you a few lines this beautiful morning. I wrote once before but my letter must have found its way into the waste basket as it did not appear in the paper.

I am praising God for salvation; the old time religion saved, sanctified and filled me with Holy Ghost. Several years ago I started out to serve the Lord, was licensed to preach; later ordained as deacon in the Baptist Church. Backslid but reclaimed. Started out to give the Lord all my time and service. I preached at the Baptist church in the forenoon one Sunday and went to the holiness meeting that night and saw the great power of God working with His saints so wonderfully that I just had to testify that if God had more for me I wanted it. I started right then and there to seek the blessing and it did not take long for me to get sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Now I am a Church of God preacher, preaching the three works of grace. I have been in some good revivals lately at Nauvoo, Carbon Hill, Dora and other places where I have met some good preachers such as J. E. Ellis, our State Overseer, W. E. Raney, George Sprinkle, P. F. Fritz, and Dodds. Their messages are food to my soul.

I long to be at my home church, Altoona, Ala. Some of these days I hope to walk in about the time our pastor W. S. Wilemon is preaching and see the power of God among the saints at my home church.

I was at Trafford yesterday in the forenoon and at Coaldale in the afternoon. The Lord worked in a wonderful way at Trafford. I am to begin a revival at Coaldale June 28 and from there to Northern Port the 15th of July, and open for other dates. Should you need my service write me at Kimberly, Ala. Ask the prayers of the saints and willing to go anywhere on earth the Master leads.—John H. Morgan.

ENJOYING SALVATION

LYON, Miss.—As it has been some time since I testified thru the Evangel and very seldom have a chance to testify in service, would like to tell of how the Lord is blessing me. I can truly praise God for the joy of salvation, for I am really enjoying salvation more than I ever have in life before. Since I do not live near any Church of God people and do not get to go to preaching very often, it keeps me praying lots, altho I get very lonesome and would love to be with the Christian people; but I have a good time with the Lord. He blesses me so wonderfully. Praise His name. I can truthfully say that I love Jesus better than anything in this life, and I want to praise Him for His great healing power. Yesterday I was suffering terribly of rheumatism around my heart. I was in a very bad condition and had no one to pray for me, yet I remembered the Lord said He would not forsake us nor leave us alone, so I went down before God and asked Him to touch my body and bless His name, the misery was gone before I got up and it has not bothered me any more. He is a wonderful Saviour and worthy to be praised. My heart's desire is to do His blessed will at all times and to bring my two little children up in the way He would have me to. It seems that mothers are so careless with their children. I was raised by Christian parents and I surely appreciate the fact that they did not fail to use the proper method in training me, though I was the only child. Since the Lord has taken dear mother away, I can look back over my life and thank God that I never

grieved my precious mother and sent her to an early grave by my disobedience. I mean by the grace and help of God to raise mine to honor and obey the Lord. Pray for me that I may stay in the center of the Lord's will.—Mrs. May Belle Jackson, Route 2, Box 9.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SHELBY

SHELBY, N. C.—We want to report victory from Shelby in Jesus' name. I want to praise the Lord for this good old way and want to thank the Lord for the way He blesses His children. I am certainly glad for the visit that Jesus made to this world to redeem lost men and women from their sins. I am praising God for salvation and the great Church of God also men and women that are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. We had a two weeks meeting here. Brother W. E. Raney from Alabama did most of the preaching. Eight were saved during the meeting. Brother and Sister Wilson had charge of the singing and we also had our state Overseer, Brother Roy E. Blackwood, with us. We were sure glad to have them with us. Eternity alone will reveal the good that was accomplished.—T. C. Wiggins, Pastor.

THAT CITY THAT IS COMING DOWN

MAYO, Fla.—I want to give a few words of praise to our God through the Evangel. I am praising Him for the way He is blessing me and my family. I was backslidden; but I went to God who doeth all things well and through fasting and prayer God saved me, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. Praise God forever. I feel impressed to say something about the beautiful city that is coming down. Beloved, if there was not any hell for the wicked to spend eternity in, or the wicked did not have any soul, as false teachers are reporting through literature scattered here and there, just the thought of having a city like this one to dwell in, when our labor here is over and God says, "It is enough, come up higher."

It appears to me that if people could only get a glimpse of this city and of its beauty, they would want to live for God.

Let's all do our best for God and His Church which is the Church of God and also get the Evangel into every home we can and pay our tithes so that God's work can keep going. Pray much for me. I could say more; but space will not permit.—Marshall Osteen.

J. W. Culpepper Visits South Carolina

ANDERSON, S. C.—On June 20th we closed a ten days meeting at the Church of God at Anderson, South Carolina, in which fourteen were saved, two sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost and four were added to the church, with others looking this way.

We all enjoyed having Brother J. W. Culpepper, our former State Overseer, with us two nights. He certainly did feed our souls with the Word of God. He was called home on account of the illness of his wife. Pray for the work here.—Nettie Hanvey.

TELLING OTHERS OF JESUS

HARPERVILLE, Miss.—I thank and praise God for blessing me

The Lord Has all Power over the Devil

PORTLAND, Me.—I am praising God today for full and free salvation. I am praising Him for this highway of holiness. I praise Him for the time when He showed me the light on the Church of God, and picked me up out of sin and placed my feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. I praise Him for giving me a willing mind to say, "Here am I, send me." Even though all my earthly friends forsook me and troubles have pressed me sore, I mean by the grace of God to go all the way with Jesus. I've surely left nothing behind me that is worth going back for. Just a wasted life, that is all. But I've everything to encourage me to press on to the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. I don't want to hear the words, "Depart from me, I never knew you." But I want to hear the words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many, enter thou into the joys of the Lord." "Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We realize that Jesus is coming soon to catch away His bride and I surely want to be in that number when the saints go marching in. The Lord surely is with us here in Portland. The devil is also here with all his force but we know the Lord has all power over the devil and if we trust and obey Him, He will give us victory over all things. Praise His precious name. There is no one like the lowly Jesus. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother and will never leave nor forsake His children. His power to heal is simply wonderful. He healed me of rheumatism over two and one half years ago and last December He healed my eyes. Praise His name. He is my healer for all things. I haven't taken a drop of medicine for over three years and have had better health than ever before. The prayer of faith shall save the sick. James 5:15.

We have no church here now, just a little mission but we hope to have a church of God here soon and have a good Holy Ghost filled preacher that will preach the whole Bible rightly divided.

We covet the prayers of all the dear ones that know the worth of prayer that we may keep in the center of God's will at all times and win many souls for the kingdom. There are so many that are going the downward road to destruction, who turn a deaf ear to the invitations and go right on.

Enter ye in at the straight gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be that go in thereat. Because straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that findeth it. Matt. 7:13-14.

Please remember me in your prayers also pray for my unsaved relatives that they may see their lost and undone condition before it is too late. Mrs. Abbie Chick, 110 Middle St.

as He does. He blesses me daily and heals us when we get sick and I enjoy telling others about it.

I want all who read this to pray for me that I will get closer to Him and pray for my baby to be healed.—Mrs. Eva Dell Woods.

Testimonies

NOT AFRAID OF THE REAL CHURCH GOING DOWN NEWBERN, Tenn.—I want to say that the Lord saved, sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost as according to Acts 2:4 and it abides just now. He is my healer also. I remember two years ago that I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to anoint and pray over for the healing of my eyes and since receiving it, I have been able to see better since; but ask your prayers that I may receive complete eyesight.

I thank the Lord for the Evangel that gives me light on the Church of God of which I am a member and I am not afraid of the real Church of God going down. I have many things to thank the Lord for.

A meeting will begin at this place Saturday night before the 3d Sunday in August which is August 14, 1926. Everybody is invited to come and bring one or more with you.—G. W. Ragan.

CALLED TO PREACH

CANTON, O.—I do praise God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ that I ever found the Church of God. I praise Him that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost with Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I used to be an up and down Christian; but thank God when I found the Church of God I began to put on the whole armor of God, and am on fire for God. I feel that the Lord would have me go out and preach the Word of God. That still small voice bids me go, also I had a vision to that effect. Pray for me that I may be faithful to His Word and calling.—E. W. Foreney.

CAST OUR BURDENS ON THE LORD

LAMBERT, Miss.—I am praising God today for what He is to me. He saved me from sin and I am under the precious blood of Jesus today, for which I truly praise Him. I am also praising God that I am on my way to glory. I am so glad that I can bear the reproach of being called a "Holy Roller," but I realize that it is not what we are called down here; but the way we are judged in the sight of God, is what will count on that great day.

BEHOLD THE WORKMANSHIP OF GOD

DODD CITY, Tex.—I just want to write a few lines in honor of my dear Saviour, this beautiful morning, as I feel His great divine presence and as I can look about at this old world, what the hand of God has created makes me love my Saviour more and more.

We should be very careful to give God the praise for all things as we know He is the author of all things. Truly we are serving a great God who doeth all things well.

We were called to the bedside of a sister Hamless who was at death's door, physicians and nurses had given her up and told us if we could do anything, to go ahead, so we knelt by her bedside and prayed and each time the Lord gave relief; but for some cause unknown to us, the Lord took her to Himself and she is now at rest. She leaves to mourn her loss, a baby, husband and many relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed, for all seemed to love her. It is believed by all that she was prepared for death and so we shouldn't mourn; but rejoice, for she is in that beautiful place where there will be no more sorrows, no more pains to bear and no more tears to be

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